पालेकर अवार्ड (पंचाट) के अधीन समाचार एजेंसियों और आकाशवाणी के प्रतिनिधियों को सुविधाएं

2060. **श्री प्यारेलाल खंडेलवाल :** क्या श्रम और पुनर्वास मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या पालेकर अवार्ड (पंचाट) द्वारा घोषित की गई सभी सुविधाएं समाचार एजेंसियों और आकाशवाणी के जिला स्तर के प्रतिनिधियों को दी जा रही हैं ; और

(ख) यदि नहीं, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं ?

श्रम और पुनर्वास मंत्री (श्री वीरेन्द्र पाटिल) : (क) संबंधित राज्य सरकारों से प्राप्त सूचना के अनुसार सभी चारों समाचार एजेंसियां, अर्थात् प्रेस ट्रस्ट ऑफ इण्डिया, यूनाइटेडन्यूज ऑफ इण्डिया, हिन्दुस्तान समाचार और समाचार भारती, अपने कर्मचारियों के संबंध में पालेकर पंचाट को लागू कर रहे हैं । आकाशवाणी के कर्मचारी इस पंचाट के सीमाक्षेत्र में नहीं आते ।

(ख) प्रश्न नहीं उठता ।

Telephone connections in Gujarat

2061. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) how many applications for getting telephone connections are lying pending in Gujarat;

(b) how many of them are more than 2 years old;

(c) by when they are likely to be covered;

(d) how many complaints regarding inflated bills have been received from Gujarat and rest of the country during the last year; and

(e) what preventive measures Government contemplate to undertake to check it?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI VIJAY N. PATIL): (a) The number of applications pending for telephone connections in Gujarat is about 76.000 at present.

(b) The number of applications pending for more than 2 years is about 25,000.

(c) The present waiting list is likely to be cleared progressively during the 7th Five Year Plan, subject to the availability of equipment and funds.

(d) and (e) The information is being collected from Circles and will be placed on the Table of the House as early as possible.

TV station for Rajkot and Bhavnagar

2062. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) by when TV transmitting stations at Rajkot, Dwarka and Bhavnagar are likely to be sanctioned;

(b) how many times the TV Centre at Rajkot has been postponed; and

(c) how many villages and population is likely to be covered as a result thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT): (a) and (b) High Power TV Transmitters at Rajkot and Dwarka and Low Power Transmitter at Bhavnagar have already been sanctioned and are under implementation. Transmitters at Bhavnagar and Rajkot are being commissioned